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REMARKS

Status of claims

Claims 1-33 are pending.

Claims 1-33 have been subject to a restriction requirement.

Applicants elect Group XX, Claims 32 and 33.

By way of this amendment, claims 1-31, which are directed to Groups I-XIX, are canceled, claims 32 and 33 are amended and new claim 34 is added.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 32-34 will be pending.

Claims 32 and 33 have been amended to delete reference to the subject matter identified as a patentably distinct invention set forth in Group XIX. In addition, the claims have been amended to change the reference to Vpr protein to remove the italics. No new matter is added.

New claim 34 refers to methods of treating individuals who have been infected with HIV. Support for new claim 34 is found throughout the specification such as on pages 65 and 66. No new matter has been added

Claims 32-34 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that 32-34 be allowed. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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